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SCHOLARSHIP TO SCS/STS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the maximum income limit prescribed by the Union Government for various scholarship schemes for student belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes;

(b) whether the Government propose to raise the existing maximum limit;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government to ensure the proper utilization of the funds earmarked for the said schemes?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship for students belonging to Scheduled Castes Rs. 45,760/- per annum income ceiling has been prescribed below which full maintenance allowance & fee is provided. For income above Rs. 45,760/- per annum, upto Rs. 60,965/- per annum full maintenance allowance & fee is provided for group `A` courses and for Group B,C, D, E courses half maintenance allowance and full fee is provided.

(b) & (c) Under the Scheme, income ceiling is revised once in two years, taking into account the consumer price index for Industrial Workers (CPIIW) . The income ceiling was last revised base on CPIIW for October 1999. Further revision of the income ceiling, taking into account the CPIIW for the month of April 2002 has been initiated.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The following steps are taken to ensure proper utilization of funds under the scheme:-

(i) Central assistance is released after receipt of utilization certificate from State/UT for the funds released in the previous year.

(ii) Performance of the States/UTs is monitored through periodical reports.

(iii) Visits by officers to the States/UTs.

(iv) Review meetings with the offices of State Governments.